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SUBJECT: POLITICAL DETAINEES IN AFGHANISTAN: RECOMMENDA-
TION ON NEXT STEPS

REF: KABUL 6809

DEPARTMENT IS IN FULL ACCORD WITH EMBASSY KABUL'S SUGGES-
TION THAT US MISSION GENEVA CONVEY TO ICRC OUR VIEW THAT
AN ADDITIONAL APPROACH TO THE DRA BY AN ICRC REP IS NEEDED.
IF ICRC BOARD CONSIDERS ETIENNE A GOOD CANDIDATE TO CARRY
THIS OUT THAT WOULD BE FINE WITH US, BUT WE DO THINK THAT
SENDING SOMEONE AT LEAST AT HIS LEVEL WOULD BE IMPORTANT
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FOR A FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY AND RENEWED OFFER OF HELP. LATE
SEPTEMBER-EARLY OCTOBER TIMING WOULD ALSO SEEM TO BE
APPROPRIATE AS THE PRESENT PREOCCUPATION OF DRA WITH
INTERNAL POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES CLEARLY MAKES THIS AN
INOPPORTUNE TIME TO DISCUSS FREEING POLITICAL PRISONERS.
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